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AND TARGETING VEHICLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to Examination of the above referenced application please make the following amendments to the specification and to the claims.

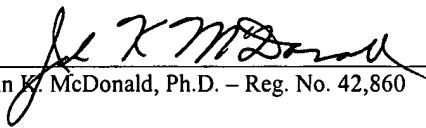
In the Specification

After the title of the invention on page 1, please insert the following:

--PRIOR RELATED APPLICATIONS. The present application is a U.S. National Phase entry from PCT EP 00/01906 filed March 3, 2000 which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 199 09 770.4 filed March 5, 1999.--

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